

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 16 is requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 15 is currently being amended.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 12-15 are now pending in this application.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 12-14 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,067,007 to Gioia (hereafter “Gioia “). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 15 is directed to a method and recites the steps of “detecting the occurrence of the unusual situation in the vehicle and a position of the vehicle”, “notifying the center device, which is located outside the vehicle, of the occurrence of the unusual situation”, and “instructing, via the center device, at least one home security device in an area where the position of the vehicle is located to notify the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation.” Thus in claim 15, (1) a center device outside the vehicle is notified of an unusual situation in the vehicle, and (2) the center device instructs at least one home security device in an area where the position of the vehicle is located to notify

the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation. Gioia fails to suggest this combination of steps.

Gioia discloses a vehicle 10 equipped with a security system 12, and a monitoring station 14 located remotely from the vehicle (col. 2, lines 32-36). When an alarm condition regarding the vehicle is determined, vehicle location information is communicated via a transmitter 26 of the security system 12 to the monitoring station 14 (See Fig. 2, col. 3, lines 59-62). The monitoring station may be the vehicle owner's residence (col. 4, lines 1-3).

Gioia, however, fails to disclose both the steps where: (1) a center device outside the vehicle is notified of an unusual situation in the vehicle, and (2) the center device instructs at least one home security device in an area where the position of the vehicle is located to notify the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation. Presuming for the sake of argument that the Gioia monitoring station 14 corresponds to the center device as claimed, Gioia does not disclose that the monitoring station 14 instructs at least one home security device in an area where the position of the vehicle is located to notify the at least one home security device of the occurrence of the unusual situation (alarm condition). Contrariwise, presuming for the sake of argument that the monitoring station 14 corresponds to the home security device as claimed (which it does not), Gioia does not disclose any center device outside the vehicle that is notified of an unusual situation (alarm condition) in the vehicle, and then instructs the monitoring station to notify the monitoring station of the occurrence of the unusual situation (alarm condition). In other words, Gioia cannot reasonably be construed as disclosing both steps (1) and (2) above. Claim 15 is patentable over Gioia for at least this reason.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment,

to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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